

## Metropolitan

## Power of municipalities to be expanded: Zillur

Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said yesterday that the institutional power of the municipalities of the country would be expanded for ensuring the civic amenities, reports BSS.

He said that the government had taken steps for the development of human resources for speedy implementation of the uplift programme as well as expansion of institutional power of the municipalities.

The minister said this while talking to a three-member delegation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

During the meeting, the delegation members reviewed the rural infrastructure development of Bangladesh including the construction of rural and

urban communications.

They also reviewed implementation of the project of the four city corporations and expressed satisfaction over the development and implementation of the project.

The delegation members are: Director of Urban Development Directorate of ADB Headquarters Preben Nielsen, Resident Representative of Dhaka Phipit Supaphiphat and Deputy Resident Representative Omkar Shrestha.

The ADB representatives expressed their interest to co-operate with the future development projects to strengthen the local and urban institutions through implementing water supply project and people's health protection and development project in municipalities of the country.

## Egyptian envoy makes farewell call on President

Outgoing Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt Osama Mohamed Tawfiq made a farewell call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed appreciated the contribution of Osama Mohamed to strengthening relations between the two countries and expressed the hope that this will continue to grow further.

The ambassador thanked the president for receiving him. He mentioned the sincere cooperation from the government and the people of Bangladesh in discharging his duties.

He noted with appreciation and admiration the substantial development and progress the people have achieved in many fields through the last few years. He said that he was leaving Bangladesh with sweet memories of the land and her people.

## JS body asks DESA to gear up efforts to realise outstanding bills

Parliamentary Public Undertakings Committee yesterday asked the DESA to strengthen efforts to realise the outstanding bills streamlining its activities, reports BSS.

A meeting of the committee presided over by its chairman Imran Ahmed said the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) must ensure transparency and dynamism in its activities particularly in recording correct bills and their proper realisation.

The committee also called for proper maintenance of the equipment and transmission lines of DESA.

The meeting was informed that every branches of DESA were given a set target for realising bills and checking system losses and the persons responsible were supposed to get reward and punishment for their activities.

Committee members Mohammad Dabirul Islam, Abul Kalam Azad and Faruq Khan were present.

## DU student stabbed in Ziaur Rahman Hall

By DU Correspondent

A resident student of Ziaur Rahman Hall of Dhaka University was stabbed by a hall unit leader of pro-Awami League student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), following a quarrel over gambling on Monday night, sources said.

The victim was identified as Saiful, resident of room No 428 and a masters student of Political Science department. He was a BCL activist, sources added.

According to the hall sources, Rizvi Alam, organising secretary of the BCL hall unit and a masters student of Library and Information Science beat him up severely before stabbing him with a sharp weapon.

Talking to Daily Star, Provost of the Hall Dr Al Mahbub Uddin Ahmed said, "we inquired into this incident but found nothing and none has complained about the incident as yet."



Mr. Yousuf Ali Khan (Y. A. Khan), Managing Director of Khan & Company Ltd and former Commissioner of Ward no-40, expired on 5th September 1999 (Inshallah razeun). He was 69.

A milad mahfil has been arranged at the deceased's residence (25 Indira Road) on Sunday, 12th September, 99 after Magrib prayers to pray for the salvation of his soul.

Well wishers are requested to attend.

Members of the family.

## US envoy calls on Mannan

John C Holzman, US Ambassador to Bangladesh, called on Minister for Labour and Employment MA Mannan at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

During their meeting they discussed matters of common interest of the two countries, an official handout said.

Secretary of the Ministry Ahsan Ali Sarker was present during the meeting.

## Pirojpur dist AL convening body

A 51-member convening committee of Pirojpur District Awami League has been formed recently with Advocate Chandram Pal as its convenor, reports BSS.

It said Advocate Akram Hossain and Advocate Abdul Hamid Hawlader have been made joint convenors of the convening committee.

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